

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 22 of page 7 with the following paragraph:

"The lower portion 28 narrows very gradually and therefore is considerably longer than the upper portion 26 12. Thus, the width of the lower portion 28 at a location close to the upper portion 12 is nearly equal to the diameter of the face 24, while the comparable width at a position near the adapter-wire interface is only slightly greater than the minimum diameter 30. This design ensures that the interface between the lower portion 28 and the wire casing 14 is barely perceptible. It also prevents the adapter 12 from becoming snagged on an edge between two surfaces while the user employs the cord 10. The importance of this latter feature will not escape consumers who utilize extension cords frequently. The cord 10 does not snag and thereby impose upon the user the frustrating and time-consuming burden of freeing it."